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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Thursday, December 19, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones, (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 27, 2018, as printed.

Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of November 27, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1177.

SB 1177 (O'Brien)

Veterans; other; Michigan State Capitol Commission; provide recognition in the State Capitol Building for veterans and eliminate the report from the former custodian of the Michigan veterans' headquarters.

Nick Plescia, Legislative Director for Senator Margaret O'Brien, the bill sponsor, briefly explained the bill and introduced Valerie Marvin, Michigan Capitol Historian and Curator, representing the Michigan State Capitol Commission, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Stephen M. Potter, Chief of Staff for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hughes moved to report Senate Bill 1177 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1180.

SB 1180 (Hildenbrand) Veterans; veterans' homes; role of the director of the department of military and veterans affairs within the Michigan veterans' facility authority; modify.

Fred Schaible, Chief of Staff for Senator Dave Hildenbrand, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and introduced Anne Zerbe, Transition Executive for the Michigan Veterans Facilities Authority in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Stephen M. Potter, Chief of Staff for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Barrett moved to report Senate Bill 1180 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: None, (0/13)

Pass: Representative Graves. (1/13)

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

There being no other business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 9:31 a.m.

Jason Wentworth, Chair
House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee